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**From:** Laura Ball  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:22 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact  
**Subject:** [External] Dominion Energy Increase - Ref. Docket #: 2020-125-E

To the Committee,

I am writing to dispute the increase of rates by Dominion Energy. They are trying to raise their rates significantly, by 7.7%, when people are struggling financially and in general.

Our state failed its citizens in the buyout by Dominion Energy and the promises made to protect citizens' investments in a failed nuclear project that was heavily mismanaged and misrepresented for years by the former utility. Utilities are not exactly an option for your citizens. This increase is not justified to pass on to your citizens in a non-pandemic year but especially during this pandemic where so many South Carolinians - particularly your performing artists and the arts industry - have been decimated financially and for the foreseeable future.

I for one, will take this increase as an added incentive to port my tax base elsewhere. South Carolina is last in so many things. Why can't we be first in putting the wellbeing of our citizens at the forefront of our policy decisions? It would be a good place to start.

May my words and the actions of our community prevent this increase. Thank you for seeing them through. Have a good day.

Signed,

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Laura Ball